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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Orders have already been issued and stipends are being paid at 75 per cent of the old rates. I do not think it is possible to revise the orders now. "

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is it a fact that the national finances have come to such a low level that it is necessary to close all the educational institutions? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" We have not come to such a stage as to be under the necessity of closing all educational institutions."

Irrigation

Stoppage of irrigation facilities for lands under the Red Hills.

* 524-B *Q.*—MR. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition from the ryots under the Red Hills Tank, dated 14th October 1931 and also a letter from the President, Red Hills Tank P.R.R. Association, dated 27th idem complaining against the stoppage of water for irrigation of the samba crop from the 15th October 1931 and requesting the withdrawal of the order stopping the supply of water;

(*b*) whether water in the Red Hills Tank had attained the full tank level (44·67 feet) on the 15th October 1931 and whether the surplus water received from the supply channels is now being allowed to waste down the anicut;

(*c*) why under the above circumstances the supply of water for irrigation of the samba crop under the Red Hills Tank ayacut was cut off on the 15th October by the P.W.D. Overseer of the tank though water for irrigation of the samba crop was issued from the 1st September up to 14th October;

(*d*) whether it is the intention of the Government to cut off all supplies for irrigation of the samba crop in succession for two months from the 15th October to 15th December and if so, what provision has been made to enable the ryots to raise the samba crop especially in view of the failure of the North-East Monsoon this year;

(*e*) whether the Government propose to compensate the ryots for the loss to be incurred by them by the failure of the samba crop;

(*f*) whether the temporary rules for the regulation of water supply from the Red Hills and Cholavaram tanks issued by Government in G.O. No. 2047-I., dated the 22nd August 1928 were passed by the Government in the interest of the Madras City water supply or to enable the execution of the works in connection with the improvements to Tamarapauk Anicut Head sluice and upper supply channel;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that last year water was allowed for irrigation from the 15th October to 15th December as water in the Red Hills Tank had reached the full tank level and why the same procedure was not adopted this year as well; and

(h) why, if it was the intention of Government to stop this year all supplies for irrigation for two months in successoin for the samba crop, the ryots were not warned in due time and prevented from cultivating the crop? "

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The level on 14th October 1931 was 44·67 feet but the Government have no information whether water was being wasted over the anicut.

(c) The issue of water for irrigation was stopped under the rules in force.

(d) Orders have been issued authorizing the issue of water for irrigation from 28th October.

(e) No.

(f) The order regulated the issue of water with regard to the interests both of the City water supply and of irrigation.

(g) Last year water was allowed for irrigation from 31st October. This year it has been allowed from 28th October.

(h) The ryots are aware of the rules and the risk involved.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know whether the rules contemplate the stoppage of water even when the tank has reached the full tank level? Why was water stopped between the 14th and 28th of October when it was ordered to be issued again for irrigation purposes? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Will the Government consider the desirability of supplying water for irrigation purposes invariably after the full tank level is reached?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Government will consider the suggestion, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether it is right on the part of the Government to allow the ryots to sow the samba crop and then stop the water? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know why Government have not called for the information? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Because Government did not think it necessary to call for the information."